

1996 Heat Related Fatalities

There were only 36 heat-related fatalities in 1996 compared with the much higher death toll of 1,021 in 1995. The 10-year average from 1986-1995 is 132, but this statistic is skewed due to the large number of deaths in 1995. The 9-year average from 1986-1994 is 34. Of the 1996 deaths, 29 (81%) occurred in permanent homes. Texas suffered the highest number of heat-related fatalities with 10, and Oklahoma and Illinois each had 7 deaths. The elderly are the most susceptible to the dangers of high heat. Thirty of the fatalities (84%) were 60 years and over. Males accounted for 56% of the deaths; females, 44%.

1996 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>BF</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CA	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	4
IL	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7
LA	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
MO	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
OK	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	7
PA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
SC	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
TX	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	2	3	29	2	36
PERCENT	0	0	0	0	6	8	81	6	101*

(* Due to rounding total does not equal 100%)

1996 HEAT RELATED FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	0	0	0	0
10 TO 19	0	0	0	0	0
20 TO 29	0	1	0	1	3
30 TO 39	1	3	0	4	11
40 TO 49	0	0	0	0	0
50 TO 59	1	0	0	1	3
60 TO 69	2	7	0	9	25
70 TO 79	4	6	0	10	28
80 TO 89	6	3	0	9	25
90 TO --	2	0	0	2	6
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	16	20	0	36	101*
PERCENT	44	56	0	100	

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LEGEND

BF - Ball Field
CA - Camping
GF - Golf
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle